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TRUSTEES' MEETING

Big Price Asked for Forty Feet of Spite-Fence—Mr. Brand to Buy in Tropico Water Plant For City.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 1912.

All the officers and members of the board present except Trustee Dr. Andrew O. Conrad, who, with all the other physicians and surgeons of the city, is at Clara Barton hospital in attendance on Pierre Gabag, in the vain hope of bringing this most worthy of our highly respected citizens back to life.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved as read.

The bond of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in the sum of \$1000 for the faithful performance of its duties to the city and its inhabitants under the provisions of the franchise heretofore granted it by the board, was presented, approved and ordered filed.

City Marshal Gould submitted offers to furnish the Indian, Flanders and Thor motorcycles at differing prices, the differences supposed to arise from differences of equipment, time of delivery, etc. The marshal was therefore instructed to obtain sealed bids for furnishing the machines, each bid to specify what extra attachments, if any, are to go with the machine at the cash price named, terms and time of delivery, etc., each bid to be sealed and addressed to the city clerk, and filed with him before the hour of 7 o'clock, October 24.

J. J. Laws and other owners of the frontage on Palmer avenue, presented a petition for the improvement of that street which was read and referred to the city engineer with instructions to establish the grade of the street, bring in map of the proposed improvement and an estimate of its cost.

Bids were ordered opened for the improvement of Eulalia avenue. The bid of Fred R. Sinclair was the only bid offered, and a resolution was adopted awarding him the contract for the work at the following rates:

Grading, per linear foot, 50 cents. Oil and tamping, per square foot, 3 cents.

Curb, per linear foot of cement curb, 23 cents.

Sidewalks, per square foot of side walk, 8 cents.

Under the head of oral communications, Mr. Friedgen of Park avenue, addressed the board in opposition to doing over the work that had been imperfectly done by the parties owning the frontage, and before the city's incorporation, between Brand boulevard and Central avenue. He admitted that some work was necessary in certain places, but when the petition was signed for the improvement by himself and others it was not with the understanding that the entire work heretofore done had to be done over again. The proposed improvement, with what the owners of the frontage had done before incorporation, was making the street in their block cost them nearly double what it should. With the exception of a spot or two the street could be made good enough with a little inexpensive surface work.

City Engineer Lynch explained that the work done heretofore on the street by private contract was very cheaply done, but the work was what the contract called for. The additional or new work proposed was necessary to make the street what it should be, as one of the principal cross streets of the city, and have it conform in character to the work everywhere else on the street. It was unfortunate, of course, that so poor a job had been done in the first place, but that was the fault of no one else but the then owners of the frontage. The work called for by the resolution of intention he was sure was necessary and he had estimated its cost at the going price for such work charged by contractors.

Trustee Webster said the work on the street had cost him a good deal of money, and if there was any way in which the board could fix the matter up to have its proposed improvement cost less and still give the city the kind of street it ought to be he would be glad to have the board do it. He suggested that the matter go over for another week to give the parties concerned a chance to talk the matter over further.

Mr. Maxwell concurred with Mr. Webster.

Under the same order of business Mr. Griffen addressed the board with reference to the opening and improvement of Acacia avenue from Brand boulevard to Central avenue, including the condemnation of the narrow Friedgen strip in the way of it.

Home Court is that part of Acacia avenue from Brand boulevard to its intersection of the east line of the lots fronting on Central avenue which have a depth of 227.5 feet. The Court street has a depth of 40 feet and has all been deeded to the city with the exception of the narrow Friedgen strip of a foot and a half in width and extending from one side of the street to the other upon which a fence is maintained for the purpose of keeping H. W. Meyers and his successors in the ownership of the lots to the west of it from passing over it. The strip is one and a half feet wide by forty feet long. Mr. Friedgen prizes it very highly. Not because of its intrinsic value, but because of its use in getting even with his neighbor, H. W. Meyers, for something the two had fallen out over, by reason of which Mr. Friedgen said he felt he had been damaged in the sum of \$1,000.

Mr. Griffen stated that Mr. Friedgen would be paid a reasonable price for the strip. He thought, however, that \$1,000 was rather steep. But Mr. Friedgen manifested no disposition to come down a single peg. He was informed by Mr. Bancroft, president of the board, that if he would open the Court street only at the end of condemnation proceedings he would get nothing for the strip in all probability and be out his attorney's fees and the cost of the proceedings.

Mr. Friedgen remarked that if the others would have the street opened through to Central avenue his fence across it would come down instantly. It would be of no use then, as Mr. Meyers and his successors would have access to a public street without crossing private property.

Mr. Friedgen refused to say yes or no to the question whether he would make a deed to the city for his strip and put it in escrow to be delivered on the condition that the street is opened through to Central avenue. He was willing to let his strip go in for opening the street clear through.

The matter was laid over for another week to enable the parties to think it over.

Trustee Webster, of the Committee of the Whole, to confer with L. C. Brand, the principal beneficiary of the trust created by the deeds of the Tropico Water company and the Glendale Consolidated company, in the matter of the sales of the properties of those companies, elsewhere advertised in this paper, as to his intentions and purposes and the premises, insofar as the interests of the city of Tropico and its inhabitants are concerned, reported that Mr. Brand had informed City Attorney Baker and himself that his idea and intention is to bid the entire property in for and on behalf of the cities of Glendale and Tropico, hold that of the Tropico Water company for Tropico, if the city wants it, and that of the Consolidated company in the city of Glendale for the city of Glendale, if its people want it.

A curfew ordinance fixing the hour of 8 p.m. at which minors of tender age must be off the streets unless attended by parent or other adult attendant, was read a first and second

time and laid over for a third reading at next meeting.

Ordinance establishing grade of Boynton avenue and several other streets read a first and second times and laid over for a third reading.

Resolution adopted authorizing the city marshal to purchase reducers for fitting hose to hydrants for fire extinguishing purposes.

City attorney instructed to prepare and submit to the board a protest against the amendment of the constitution of the state providing for the consolidation of cities and counties by a majority vote of the territory proposed for consolidation, thus making it impossible for a city with a large voting population like San Francisco or Los Angeles, to fasten its tentacles upon everything around it, far or near, by the simple power to out-vote its protesting victim.

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PIERRE GABAIG PASSES TO THE UNKNOWN BEYOND

Pierre Gabag, born at Monien, Basses-Pyrénées, France, March 23, 1869; died at Clara Barton Hospital, Los Angeles, October 17, 1912. He was a citizen and prominent in the business life of Tropico. His wife, Celia Gabag, nee Celia Penoges, and two sons, Albert and Louise, survive him. Albert, aged 16, is a pupil of the Union High School of Tropico and Glendale; Louis, aged 14, of the Grammar School of Tropico. It is twenty-six years since Pierre Gabag came to this vicinity to live, and nineteen years since he was married to Miss Penoges, whose father, now deceased, was a farmer near Burbank, and whose widow, Veuve Penoges, the mother of Mrs. Gabag, has been living with the family a number of years past.

Mr. Gabag was a farmer by occupation and strenuously industrious. Several years ago he invested of the proceeds of his farm labors in Tropico real estate. On the part fronting on Central avenue he established his home, where he has since resided and where his family still reside. On his San Fernando road possessions in the heart of the city's business section, he made and was continuing to make, when death called him, some of the most valuable improvements of which the city can boast. Of these is the K. of P. hall building, the Gabag block on the ground floor of which are four large store rooms, a theater, and two smaller places of business.

Mr. Gabag was a believer in Tropico and one of its most public spirited citizens. He was a man of sound business sense and quick to see the merits of any proposition for the social and industrial advancement of the community and lend it his substantial encouragement. The useful place the vivacious little Frenchman filled in the work of the city's advancement is vacant, and when it may be as well and worthily filled again a mysterious providence alone can direct.

In respect for his memory all the stores, the bank and places of business in the city were closed throughout the afternoon of the dead citizen's funeral on Monday last. The Knights of Pythias, of which he was an enthusiastic member, took charge of his remains and conveyed them to their hall on the San Fernando road, where under a guard of honor they laid in state until borne to his grave in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

The funeral services were very impressive, consisting of the obsequial ceremony of the Knights of Pythias order.

The pallbearers were James Rich, Samuel Pollock, Stuart M. Street, Charles Hunter, A. M. Watson, H. A. Jennings, C. A. Bancroft and F. H. Davis.

Honorary pallbearers were N. C. Burch, John A. Logan, W. H. Bullis, John Todd, Robert Devine, L. Capdeville, Geo. C. Melrose, Samuel Hunter, B. W. Richardson, Daniel Webster, A. V. Handorf, Paul Tuttle and James Moore.

We are furnished an object lesson of the folly of consolidation with Los Angeles from Glassell Park, in the territory recently annexed thereto, to the south of Tropico. It will be recalled that in consideration of the vote of this and all other recently annexed territory to assume its proportion of the city debt they were to stand on the same footing as respected water service as the original city territory. But this plain and just agreement is now unfairly and dishonestly repudiated in the case of Mr. Newlin of Glassell Park, who is assessed \$800 for the extension of city water service to three houses in that locality of which houses he is the owner. Does Tropico want a pig in the poke?

W. F. Berkley, former manager of the Palace Meat Market of Pomona, has accepted a position in W. A. Chapman's Tropico Market. With uniform geniality, courtesy and fairness in his dealings with all, Mr. Berkley has in a very short time with Mr. Chapman won to himself many friends with the citizens of Tropico.

Mrs. Joseph Lois and children, of Butler, Pa., are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Moniot, 414 West Tropico avenue.

Mrs. F. R. Jones, after several days with Mr. and Mrs. Al. Jones at their home on the San Fernando road, has returned to her home at Selma, Cal.

San Fernando road is to have its improvements completed with curbs and sidewalks in the very near future. With Glendale avenue on one side and San Fernando road on the other, the city will be flanked with two of the finest driveways in Los Angeles county.

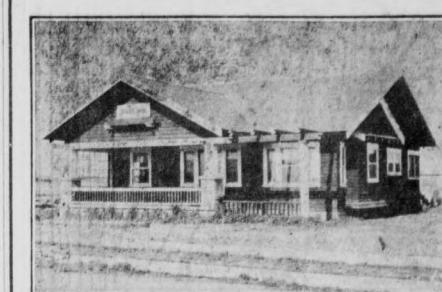
Now, really, what great matter is it to anybody whether Tropico is annexed to either Los Angeles or Glendale? Will any considerable number of the citizens of the city be any the happier or more prosperous for it?

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SPECIAL SALE

This month's offerings include times much used at especially tempting prices.

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36-INCH RAJAH SILK Colors—Brown, Navy, Sage and Steel—Sale Price, 50c Per Yard.

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City Marshall, Jonas W. Gould.

Board meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

BOTH PHONES

Glendale 300 Home 1547

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1912.

The ideal life is like unto that of a contented child. Knowing no evil, it fears none.

The Christian's battle of life, always on, is with temptation to get away from the Golden Rule.

The home of happiness beyond the grave is for those and only those who love each other here. Imagine a home in heaven with hatred in it.

Colonel Bryan and Governor Wilson are vying with each other in the making of appropriate comments on the attempted assassination of Colonel Roosevelt, and the saying of hand-some things of the great leader and the progressive cause he is leading.

I came out to fulfill the engagements of this week with a great reluctance, because my thought is constantly of the gallant gentleman, lying in the hospital at Chicago. Mr. Roosevelt did a vast deal to wake the country to the problems that now have to be settled, and that he should have been stayed in his attempt to discuss the settlements of these questions, by a hand of violence is a thing which every American must deeply deplore." —Woodrow Wilson.

The Milwaukee assassin's bullet aimed at the life of Colonel Roosevelt that found lodgment in the Colonel's breast, seems to have resulted in no greater harm to him personally than a broken rib, followed by a week's enforced suspension of his activity in campaigning for the progressives. Its harm was vastly more than offset by the effect of its aim upon the public mind, in arousing the attention of the indifferent to the cause of the fearless and forceful leader of the progressives is preaching, and in awakening the people to the perils and duties of the hour. Who knows, and who shall judge of the mysterious providence that surrounds the doing of a dreadful deed and shapes its results?

HARD TO FOLLOW

We find it a little difficult to keep up with our friend, Judge Works of the United States Senate. The judge refused to follow Roosevelt and Johnson into a new party organization. So did we. The judge was a Republican. So were we. He was a progressive. So were we. He supported Roosevelt for the Republican nomination at Chicago. So did we, after finding our preference for La Follette and Hadley impossible. He refused his support to the Chicago fraud and nomination of Taft. So did we. He was free to support the nomination of any other candidate, without leaving the Republican party to do so. So were we. He is determined he will not leave the Republican party. So are we. Thus far we journey together in the same boat. But here our differences begin. His admiration for the Democratic ticket and platform is greater than it is for the progressive ticket and platform. Our admiration is greater for the progressive ticket and platform than it is for the Democratic ticket and platform. And so we stand. Neither of us has deserted the Republican party. At least we have not. There is this further difference, however: We are supporting the ticket and platform our party in California has endorsed. He is not and is calling us naughty names for not imitating his example.

Los Angeles and Tropico Consolidation Proposed

A petition for the consolidation of the cities of Los Angeles and Tropico has been prepared. It is addressed to the city council of the city of Los Angeles and asks that the question whether such consolidation shall be effected and property in Tropico shall be subject to taxation equally with property in Los Angeles to pay the bonded indebtedness of Los Angeles, specified in the petition and amounting to the sum of about \$36,000,000 be submitted to the qualified electors of each of the respective cities, and that a date be designated upon which a special election shall be held in each of said cities for the determination of such question. We understand that Mr. E. S. Ayres is circulating the petition for signatures in Los Angeles and that as soon as the requisite number

of signatures is obtained there it will be circulated for signatures here. To effect the proposed consolidation, the proposition must receive a majority of the votes of the electors of Los Angeles cast at the election and two-thirds of the votes of the electors of Tropico voting at such election here in Tropico.

WATER SERVING PLANTS OF TROPICO AND GLENDALE FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

The property of the Tropico Water company will be sold at trustee's sale to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, November 2, 1912. Mr. L. C. Brand is the beneficiary of the deed of trust under which this sale is to be made, and the amount of his claim is put at \$27,000. Mr. Brand assures the trustees of the city of Tropico that he will bid in the property and hold it for the people of the city if they want it.

The sale of the property of the Glendale Consolidated Water company, under a decree and judgment of foreclosure for the sum of \$97,208.33, will follow on Wednesday, November 6, 1912. The part of the property described in the judgment that lies in the city of Glendale will also be bid in by Mr. L. C. Brand for the people of Glendale, if they want it.

It is sincerely hoped that the result of these sales and subsequent municipal negotiations with Mr. Brand will be a final and satisfactory solution and settlement of water service trouble in both cities.

HARRY SCHAEFFER BENEFIT

Tropico has had its shows and shovels, but never before anything that approached in excellence the vaudeville production on the occasion of the Harry Schaeffer benefit last Wednesday night, and what is best of all, never before have the good people of Tropico moved with more commendable unanimity in the support of a worthy purpose than them. Standing room was at a premium in the spacious K. of P. hall, and many went away sorrowing over their inability to gain admittance.

The program was choice and spirited; for variety and quality was not to be mentioned in the same breath with any of the big vaudeville houses of Los Angeles. It was far above the commonplace. There was an utter absence of the sensationalism and slauschiness usual to the vaudeville stage. Every part was a "feature," and was greeted with an encore.

Miss Elise Vance, one of Tropico's excellent artists, presided at the piano. Harry Marple, vocalist of local renown, with Miss Katherine Hobbs, another of Tropico's skilled pianists, as accompanist, sang several selections with pleasing effect.

Nash Aparé, for all the world a hungry heebew, "brought down the house" with numerous humorous hits.

Mantell, the marvelous, excited the wonder of everybody by the successful extrication of himself from the handcuffs of City Marshall Gould and several detectives in the audience, three pair on his wrists and one pair on his ankles and by squirming himself out of a straight-jacket fastened by means of buckles impossible to reach with his hands. How he succeeded in the performance of the several feats without the aid of unseen spirits everybody is still guessing.

The Melvinoes (Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shipman) in the guise of clownish jugglers and magicians gave a number of electrifying slight-of-hand performances and exhibitions in magic.

Little Albert Steelman, rigged out in the fashion of the wild west, gave a surprising exhibition of skill in rope spinning or whirling. The little fellow has been justly accorded the championship of the world in his "line."

The singing, dancing and posturing of three little misses, with Miss Anna Steene in the lead, was received with high favor and repeated encore.

The rendition by Ferdinand C. Rigal, a young master of the violin, of Schuman's Tamerl and Mowzakowski's Spanish Dance, was at once a revelation and an inspiration. The young man is a former pupil of Placido Flumani, the distinguished symphony master of Boston, and his interpretation on the violin of the great composers was received with enthusiastic expressions of appreciation.

He was accompanied on the piano by Miss Ellen Beach Cooper, an instrumentalist and vocalist of the highest attainments. These young people are recent acquisitions to Tropico circles. They have their homes in the Angelus tract in South Tropico.

The concluding numbers of the program were The People vs. John Smith, a one-act drama with tragic features, and My Son From College, a one-act comedy, both written and staged by Owen Rhodes, Tropico's professional playwright. Space does not allow us an extended notice of these performances. Suffice to say that the parts were well sustained and ranked the players above the average of amateurs. Willie Drouillard, as a pickin'ny, was the pet of the pit. W. J. Hibbert was at home in the part of a devout parson, as were all the others in their respective parts.

The net result of the benefit is a deposit to the credit of Harry Schaeffer in the Bank of Tropico of the sum of \$135.

The Sunset Telephone company is getting busy at last extending its service to all parts of the city.

ROOM AND BOARD

Young man wants room and board in private family. Call up Tropico Market, Sunset 291; Home 523.

MARVEL OF MUNICIPAL PROGRESS

(From "Prosperity Editorial," Los Angeles Examiner, October 1, 1912.)

"Tropico—five miles as the crow flies from the plaza in Los Angeles—is the newer of the great city's sisters. Incorporated as a city of the sixth class on March 15, 1911, then boasting a population of 1600, it has grown by leaps and bounds until now the most conservative estimates credit it with 2500 people. One hundred and seventy-five new homes have gone up since the date of incorporation, representing a valuation of \$265,000, and it is estimated that one new residence is being finished every working day of the present month.

"At the time of incorporation Tropico had an assessed valuation of \$600,000—this, of course, being based upon an average of one-third the actual value. Assessment rolls for the current year show an increase of \$200,000 in round figures.

"Ten miles of sidewalks have been built in the eighteen months since incorporation; six and one-half miles of paved streets have been laid. Before incorporation there were but few scattered sidewalks and little curbing. Now, the city has a thoroughly up-to-date appearance.

"A completed street lighting system is in course of installation, which will be ready for use by November 1. Besides this, the municipality has succeeded in reducing the car fare from Los Angeles for one way ride from 15 cents to 10 cents, with a promise of five-cent fares within a short time. Commutation rates, 50 rides, 6 2-3 cents a ride. The price of electric light has been reduced nearly 50 per cent since incorporation, while a reduction of 25 cents has been effected in the water rate, which now stands at \$1.25.

"Natural gas mains, now being laid by the Southern California Gas Company, will pass directly through the city, and this is expected to effect a great saving in the price of fuel, giving the factory section the tremendous advantage of cheap power.

"Besides being on the main line of the Southern Pacific, Tropico is on a branch of the Salt Lake route, while the Pacific Electric gives a twenty-minute service to Los Angeles, the trip consuming but little over eighteen minutes.

"Tropico is justly proud of its fine grammar school, while it is joint owner with Glendale in one of the best and most complete high schools in the southern part of the State.

"As an indication of material prosperity may be cited the showing of the Bank of Tropico, organized and opened for business September 12, 1910. Deposits now amount to \$112,000; loans approximate \$80,000; resources, \$140,000.

"Ten new business houses have been opened since the date of incorporation to care for the growing population, and all report excellent business.

"Tropico is the location of one of the largest tile factories in the United States; it has a basket factory which employs from 250 to 300 persons, and a piano factory is now in course of construction. A new hospital, to cost \$25,000, is another of the larger new buildings under way. Four new business blocks are also being erected."

We may justly add to the above that the growing demand for homes about as well as in the City of Tropico has induced the Pacific Home Builders Association of the City of Los Angeles, and Mr. Parmore of Pasadena, to open up the Angelus Park and Atwater tracts, of which they are respectively proprietors, as additions to Tropico on the west and south.

There is no question but Tropico has home advantages and business prospects coupled together that are equalled by no other locality in Southern California.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN.

FOR SALE—80 acres foothill land, 2 miles from town of Ferris, Riverside Co., some improvements, Price \$1,600.00, ½ cash. See owner, 829 Pacific Ave., Glendale. Mail Address, R. R. No. 5, Box 305, Los Angeles, Cal.—Adv.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED 4 ROOMS AND BATH; PIANO; no children. 201 E. Park Ave., Tropico, Cal.—Adv.

WILL TEACH FOREIGNERS

Plans are being formulated to inaugurate a naturalization class at the Amelia street night school and President Guinn of the board of education asked the members of the board if they had any objections to teaching foreigners how to pass the court examination necessary to become citizens.

The board agreed that the enterprise was a laudable one, provided a patriotic instructor was obtained.

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